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FEDERAL REPORT IS NOW PUBLIC

Whole Electric Railway Enterprise Is In Dire Straits

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—Recommendations for drastic changes in the operation of street railway systems during business in cities throughout the U. S. were made in the report of the federal electric railways commission to President Wilson, made public here today.

INDUSTRY AS WHOLE BANKRUPT
The commission appointed by the president about a year ago at the request of the secretaries of commerce and labor on the grounds that the industry as a whole is virtually bankrupt and the continued shrinkage in the hundreds of millions of electric railway securities threatened to embarrass the nation's financial operations, unanimously recommended that:

SHOULD SERVE AT COST

1—Street railways everywhere should serve the public at cost, patterning themselves in this respect after lines in Cleveland, Dallas, Montreal and other cities.
2—Furnish rides at cost, operating companies should be allowed a fixed return on their investments, the value of which is to be determined by agreement.
3—Street railway management, employees and the public each have a solemn duty to perform, each towards the other.

STRIKES ARE INTOLERABLE

4—It is intolerable that the transportation service of a city should be subject to occasional paralysis, whether by strikes or lockouts. All labor disputes should be settled voluntarily or by arbitration and the award of such a board should be final and binding on both parties.
5—Public ownership and operation are undesirable, save where private operation has failed to give the public the service it demands. However, the right of the public to own and operate not only their car lines, but all public utilities, should be plainly recognized.

THEY SHOULD PAY COSTS

6—Whenever car lines are extended into outlying territory in a way to benefit private property, the cost should be borne by the private interests to the extent of the benefit acquired, and such extensions should not be included in the total valuation of the railroad system upon which a fair profit is guaranteed.
7—Street railway franchises should not be for any specified time, nor the fare to be charged fixed. Conditions should govern both.

MANY RUN BY RECEIVERS

The whole electric railway enterprise, the report stated, is in dire straits. The letter to the president, signed by Secretary of Labor W. B. Wilson and the then secretary of commerce, Wm. C. Redfield calling for the appointment of the commission, stated that "already fifty or more urban systems representing a considerable percentage of the total electric railroad mileage of the country, are in the hands of receivers. The communities affected are among the most important: New York, Providence, Buffalo, New Orleans, Denver, St. Louis, Birmingham, Montgomery, Pittsburgh, Memphis, Fort Wayne, Des Moines, St. Paul, Spokane and Chattanooga."
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TELEPHONE RATES ADJUSTMENT ASKED

No doubt subscribers are interested in knowing just why the Chicago Telephone Company has petitioned the Indiana Public Utility Commission for an adjustment of rates for all classes of local service, and in as much as there are no facts to withhold a plain statement will appeal to all fair minded people of the absolute necessity of the situation.

Up to the present time the whole burden of increased prices of every one of the thousand and one kinds of material used in the business from the smallest bit of insulating material to the largest cable, has been borne by the utility, added to which has been the large wage increases to the employees to keep pace with the cost of living and try and retain the skilled labor necessary to render service.

It becomes apparent, therefore, that unless the Company can at least earn enough to pay its way, there must come a time when the service will deteriorate.

During the present year the loss to the company from its operation in Indiana, will exceed \$250,000, despite the fact that a small increase in rates for service was granted in June, 1919.

The continual advance in the cost price of materials and wage increases have largely exceeded the telephone company's estimates of expense based upon which, the small rate adjustment was made.

These estimates of expense were made upon a conservative viewpoint in the hope that a small adjustment, requested at that time, would be sufficient, but unfortunately, the additional revenue required to render service adequate for the need.

As a natural consequence a new rate adjustment must be made in order that the telephone Company may meet its obligations and telephone service remain unimpaired.

Dividends will not be increased. They will remain unchanged. The rate adjustment is not for this purpose.

The main factors are increased wages and cost of material.

The fullest investigation by the Utility Commission is asked, that the revenues of the Company be adjusted and the deficit from operation avoided, in a spirit of justice and fairness to patrons and the telephone Company alike.

CHICAGO TELEPHONE COMPANY.

SENATE COMMITTEE IS NOW READY TO SUBPOENA COX

EVIDENCE OF SLUSH WANTED

Cox Says He Will Speak Of Charges In Any Way He Sees Fit

BULLETIN
DAYTON, O., Aug. 24.—Declaring that he is "prepared to believe that Senator Harding knows nothing about a lot of things that are going on around him," Gov. James M. Cox, democratic presidential nominee, in a statement today announced that he was prepared to prove his charges of a \$15,000,000 republican "slush fund," and would make his revelations in his speech at Pittsburgh, Pa., next Thursday.

"Senator Harding denies my charges about the campaign fund which the senatorial obligator is raising," said Gov. Cox. "I am prepared to believe he knows nothing about a lot of things that are going on around him. This reveals the very dangerous symptoms which I have been discussing. In my Pittsburgh speech this week I will advise the country as to matters of which the senator claims to be ignorant and I will prove my charges."

CHICAGO, Aug. 24.—Unless Governor James M. Cox, democratic nominee for president, voluntarily provides the senate campaign fund probe committee with a satisfactory reply to the committee's request for data concerning the governor's charges that the republicans are raising a \$15,000,000 campaign fund, he will be subpoenaed and compelled to appear, a member of the committee said today.

"If Gov. Cox has not given us a satisfactory reply by Monday I feel certain a subpoena will be issued," said this morning to the committee, who asked that his name be withheld. Gov. Cox reported statement that he saw "no use in appearing before the committee," apparently was not well taken by the committee members. They made it evident that the democratic nominee will be given every opportunity to submit his evidence voluntarily but that if he does not do so, the committee will use its power to compel him to appear.

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Goldy Had Some Great Advertising With His Product He Said It Was Possible to Concoct Big List of Drinks

"Makes you forget prohibition" is what the Oxonated Products Company of New York advertises to Indiana Harbor soft drink parlor owners through their agent, Joe H. Goldy of Chicago. Now Goldy is being held in the city jail until federal officials have had his wares examined to determine whether or not they are intoxicating.

Goldy carried with him samples of the extract bottled by the Oxonated Products Company from which he claimed it was possible to make any drink in vogue before the fateful first of July. There were extracts of whiskey, gin, cognac, and all the others. A couple of ounces of extract mixed with a gallon of water would make, he said, the real stuff. After adding a little tempering extract and allowing the liquor to properly age, nothing could be finer, so said Goldy.

If the extract is found to be capable of making an intoxicating drink Goldy will be held for violation of the prohibition laws. If the extract proves non-intoxicating he will be held for obtaining money under false pretenses. Several large orders had been placed by Indiana Harbor men before Goldy was arrested.

WHISKEY RING DISCLOSURES NEAR

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Chicago Miss Wearing a Home-made Bathing Suit Which Won First Prize



MISS MARY LUCAS

Here is Miss Mary Lucas wearing the home-made bathing suit which won her first prize of \$100 in a contest recently held in Chicago. Professional models were the judges who declared that the 17-year-old girl's costume was the most becoming of any worn by the scores of competitors.

BURNHAM MEN FREED

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Did You Hear That

BERNARD ORR, who has been vacationing at Laporte, is back home again.

THEY do say there some very exciting crap games in Harrison Park every now and then.

BALLPLAYERS who play at Harrison Park declare that the authorities ought to provide cages for some of the spectators who sum up the cards.

ATTORNEY H. E. GRANGER has been confined to his home since Sunday when he played one of the principal parts in an auto smashup.

R. J. STEELMAN and Teller Nelson of the Citizens bank saw Ray and Vardon golf in Chicago Sunday and are going to learn the game all over again.

W. J. WHINERY is trying the famous I. B. of B. M. & I. S. B. & M. of A. case at Laporte in which Hammond local No. 23 is vastly interested.

THE Erie has given up the idea of painting the cabooses yellow and now has a lot of them painted brown to match the color of the depot.

THE United Construction Co. is repairing the bad stretch of pavement between the river bridge and the I. H. B. tracks on Calumet avenue.

ALDERMAN Mills Bruce returned yesterday after spending a week on the farm, pitching hay, ditching and fishing—mostly fishing.

SOUTH Hohman street, which was recently patched, is to have a coat of asphalt from Douglas to Carroll street. It is believed this will make the pavement almost as good as new.

SOME one mails of copy of "Solidarity," the I. W. W. organ, to this office on which is written the words 1,400 members in Hammond. Well, that's food for thought.

THE Hohman street bridge is to have the long promised new floor at last. Workmen are now laying a floor of heavy cross-planks on the west half of the bridge.

HAMMOND police have been asked to watch for Margaret Rudolph and Julia Rydzewski and Margaret Marko of Whiting who escaped from the Crown Point detention home Sunday evening.

THE Boy Scout camp at Lake Eliza broke up yesterday and today the boys have been busy hauling their camp equipment back to the Hammond headquarters.

THOUGH the dry wave hit his business a wallow, Ed Simon, the energetic LaVender manufacturer, kept everlastingly at it and says that his business is better than ever.

DOC GROMAN says that it doesn't matter how fast you go on the landing cement road, the constables just give the car the O. O. and if they decide it will stand the fine, block it and costs.

W. D. WEBB, manager of the Lyndora hotel, is entirely recovered from an attack of pneumonia which at one time threatened to be extremely critical.

ED BOHLING has sold fifty-seven Cadillacs in his territory this year, to say nothing of a deluge of other cars and is well satisfied with the prospects.

THE Fred L. Juergens, 185 Lewis street, christened their little girl on Sunday and entertained a flock of out-of-town relatives from Laporte and Chicago.

MAILCARRIER Belsby had the scare of his young life today when a package containing an alarm clock, laying on his table for delivery, went off. All the bombs in the world were ringing in his ears for a few moments.

LOOKS like school will open again without the sidewalks being constructed at the Erie crossing on Highland street. A large proportion of the students of the industrial high school use the Highland street crossing.

SUPT. E. S. MONROE, of the city schools, finds that his new teachers are having trouble in locating rooms in Hammond. He asks that persons having rooms to rent, communicate with him at once.

HAMMOND man who was tipped off to a place across the line where he could get a drink of whiskey, visited the place and set a speed record getting back into Hammond. "The bottle," he said, "was full of intoxicating liquor."

SAMUEL GEORGE STELOW, 394 Cedar street, Hammond, has been transferred from the receiving ship at New York to the U. S. S. Maumee, according to a message received by this paper from Commander C. C. Krakow, U. S. N.

DR. R. O. OSTROWSKI has finally meant almost as good as new. won out in his fight to have one of the unsightly electric poles removed from in front of his drug store. There were two on his corner and yesterday they came company cut their down.

THE great ice cream eating contest between Attorney Sprout and Griffiths was postponed Saturday on account of cold weather. I. I. Modjeska, the promoter, has gone to Wisconsin for a few days, after which the big event will be staged. Both entrants are practicing daily.

LOCAL golfer was showing up very poorly on the links at Chicago Heights on Saturday and he remarked to a Heights golfer player, who was standing by, "Do you know, it seems to me the more I play the worse I play." You've played a good deal then, haven't you?" said the H. S. P. and the Hammond man hasn't got it figured out yet.

DEATH CLAIMS MOTORCYCLIST

E. E. Whistler Injured At Hobart Speedway Sunday Passes Away.

(SPECIAL TO THE TIMES)
HOBART, IND., Aug. 24.—Emerson Whistler, who was hurt Sunday afternoon while driving a motorcycle in a practice race at the Hobart Speedway died yesterday afternoon at 2:10. After he was taken from under his motorcycle which skidded he was in an unconscious condition and did not regain consciousness. He died at the home of T. M. McCallum where he was taken at the time of the accident.

Whistler was a married man, and formerly a conductor on the Hobart car line, was thrown some distance when his racing machine skidded on the far turn. It is believed that some part gave as they pay but it's per cent interest.

He was 29 years old and is survived by a wife and two children. Funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

THIRTEEN VIOLATORS TAKEN LAST NIGHT

Eight Autoists Without Tail Lights; Second Arrested For Speeding.

Thirteen proved to be an unlucky number again today. Thirteen motorists were picked up last night by Hammond police for various violations of traffic rules and every one of them was out of luck.

Seven of them had been careless about their tail lights. They were Fred Hill, 3693 Pennsylvania ave., Indiana Harbor; Ben Labuda, 635 Ingraham ave., West Hammond; George Keller of Crawfordville; Arthur Johns 333 Rimbach bldg.; Christ Korotkox, 10725 E. Chicago; Harry Weber, Whiting; and Marvin Hunt, 42, 15th st., Harvey, Ill.

Otto Frankowski, 102, 15th st., West Hammond; Abe Lipner, 3828 Cedar st., Indiana Harbor; and Jacob Bugner of Chicago were caught driving trucks over Calumet Blvd.

W. F. Feltch, 3210 E. 7th st., Chicago, and R. W. Carter, 2520 Michigan ave., Chicago, were taken for speeding while Carl Lindstrom, 252 State st., Hammond, rounded out the baker's dozen by driving down Hohman st. with his muffler out.

The majority of these paid fines in court this morning and the remainder will appear before the judge the latter part of the week.

MAN ARRESTED FOR "MOOCHING" A DRINK

"Buddy can you slip me the price of a drink?" was heard at the corner of State and Hohman st., Hammond for the first time in many moons.

Officer Stelow was near. He heard the ancient plea of the moocher, but he couldn't believe it. It sounded like a voice from the grave. He stepped nearer and laid a heavy hand on the shoulder of Henry Feaster, 149 Indiana ave.

Hank had been addressing his plea to a man who was waiting for a street car. The fellow had an awe-stricken look on his face. "Was he trying to mooch a drink off you?" demanded Stelow.

The stranger gulped. "He said something about the price of a drink but was just trying to do up how he gets that way." There was a tender look in his eye as he watched the cop lead Hank away.

This morning Hank told Judge Tinkham that he must have been drunk, otherwise he never would have stopped to beggary. He admitted he had had several drinks before he reached the corner. He parted with \$1 and coins.

ANOTHER BENEFIT GAME SUGGESTED

Success of last Sunday's baseball game between the K. of C. team and the Scatenas as a means of raising money for Miss Josephine Rudolph, has suggested another game.

Henry Downey, who thinks he can score up a pretty good team from the road contractors of Hammond, has already issued a challenge to the lawyers of Hammond. Downey thinks there should be a side bet of at least \$100 to start the pot. He suggests that Judge Charley Friedrich be appointed umpire, stakeholder and everything and that he bring Constable Julius Tausk and his court records along so that anyone who lifts a hand against the umpire may be fined on the spot. The fines are also to go into the Rudolph fund.

If the crowd acts like it did at last Sunday's game, the fines will run away beyond the side bet.

BERGDOLL STARTS HIS 4-YEAR SENTENCE

LEAVENSWORTH, Kan., Aug. 24.—Maintaining the same air of indifference and unconcern which he exhibited upon conviction, Erwin Rudolph Bergdoll, brother of Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, now sought as an escaped army slacker, began a four-year sentence at the military prison here today for desertion in war time.

He was assigned to one of the disciplinary barracks numerous rock gangs.

Snapshot of Heir to the \$50,000,000 Searles Estate Taken While on Way To His Office for His Usual Day's Work



ARTHUR T. WALKER, of New York, to whom Edward F. Searles, will the bulk of his \$50,000,000 estate, shuns publicity. Waylaid by reporters on his way from the subway to his office in the financial district where he looks after the duties of secretary of one of the Searles railroads, his only reply to a volley of questions was "You are wasting your time." Walker, who was really the managing clerk in New York for the Massachusetts millinaire, has refused to pose for newspaper photographers. The snapshot shown above is the best likeness so far obtained.

Bond Issues For 2 Roads To P. W. Meyn

(SPECIAL TO THE TIMES)
CROWN POINT, IND., Aug. 24.—The bond issue for the McCracken and Barnes roads were sold on Monday by County Treasurer Ralph Bradford to Peter W. Meyn and the First Trust and Savings Bank of Hammond, the Barnes issue being \$110,000 and the McCracken \$110,000. County Treasurer Bradford is much relieved that the bonds found a bidder as the first issue of the bonds have been in the treasurer's possession since before the war. These bonds do not find a ready sale as they pay but 4 1/2 per cent interest. The two roads will be started at once and rushed to completion. The United Construction Co. have the contract. The sale will be very gratifying to the people of Gary.

CARL MULLEN IS RENOMINATED

Hammond Man to Head the State Painters and Decorators for Next Year.

EVANSVILLE, IND., Aug. 24.—Resolutions adopted today at the annual state conference of the Brotherhood of Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers Union of America, pledged support of its members to the Farmer-Labor party. Other resolutions adopted provided for the making of some provisions in the local for the older members who can't keep up with the younger men; asked that the sanitary laws of the state be extended to the decoration and remodeling of buildings; extended congratulations to the British Labor party on its achievements; called upon the Indiana legislature to relieve the congested conditions in the various state hospitals, and condemned the newspapers, the Union at Indianapolis and the Advocate at Evansville as not representing the interest of organized labor.

NAME OFFICERS BY REFERENDUM
Carl Mullen of Hammond was nominated for re-election to the presidency of the organization. Other nominations were as follows: First vice president Rescoe R. Baker, Evansville; second vice president, H. Lendfest, Marion; third vice president, M. E. Harston, Gary; secretary-treasurer, F. Patrick, Gary. The election will be decided by a referendum vote.

Sixteen locals in the state were represented at the conference here today. Many of the delegates are remaining here to attend the sessions of the Indiana State Federation of Labor which will hold its annual state convention here next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

CLAIM 80,000 IN POLISH BAG

WARSAW, Aug. 23 via London, Aug. 24.—More than 80,000 Russian prisoners have been captured by the Poles, the Polish general staff announced today.

If these figures are correct and the dead and wounded are added, it means that three or four of the Russian armies that were attacking Warsaw have been wiped out completely.

The Polish counter offensive at the gates of Warsaw, which resulted in the great victory over the Reds began just one week ago tomorrow.

DIVORCE SUIT FROM EAST CHICAGO

Glen W. Fairman of East Chicago, is asking for a divorce from Ethel Fairman. The petition filed this morning in the Hammond Superior court states that they were married December 18, 1914 and that on July 8, 1918, the woman left his home and has since refused to return. John C. Stephens is attorney for the plaintiff.

Allen Shackelford, a nine year old lad, residing at 1054 Wallace Road, Hammond, suffered a number of bad bruises about the head last night when he was walking along Calumet avenue, near the river bridge. The lad was knocked to one side of the road but the automobile did not stop. Witnesses did not get the number of the machine.